



# TIKVAH STAR

The purpose of TIKVAH shall be to enlist in its fellowship all desirable young Jewish men between the ages of 17 and 24, and to provide for them a program designed to promote the welfare in mind, body and spirit, of its individual members; as well as to promote the cause and the welfare of the Jewish people.

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## CONCERT DEDICATED FOR CULTURAL EFFORTS

The Tikvah-sponsored concert slated for Sunday, March 23, at the Shanghai Jewish School, is another link in the chain of cultural activities this organization has created, and Miss Rosita Zysman, Mr. Bernard Goldschmidt and Walter Saphir, are names that tend to make this event a top-attraction for lovers of good music.

It is not by chance that Tikvah, a veteran of three concerts, once again has undertaken to present a concert featuring youth artists only. Neither has the dedication been chosen at random.

Tikvah has always endeavored to follow the program it set for itself; and giving young Jewish men and women the opportunity to exhibit their talent before an appreciative audience is considered part of our cultural program.

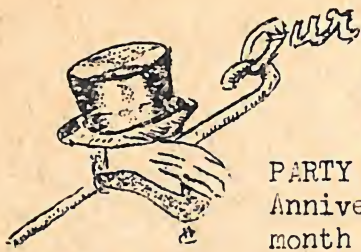
A great contribution to cultural activities of Jewish youth here has also been made by a number of persons who have voluntarily given their services to them.

Which occasion, therefore, could be more befitting to express gratitude for this valuable aid, than this concert. In dedicating it "To those persons who have unselfishly bestowed their cultural efforts on Hongkew's Community", Tikvah attempts to repay a part of what our Jewish youth owes to these persons.

We are certain that a successful performance on Sunday will prove to them that their efforts have not been wasted, and we sincerely hope that it will serve to encourage further activities of that nature.



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## Social Reporter

**PARTY (PLAIN):** In importance and actual value Tikvah's first Anniversary Party eclipsed all other social activities of the month of February. Our social celebration of Tikvah's Rookie year was in no way inferior to the cultural commemoration of this historic and world-shaking event, and if on January 12, the artists and Tikvah were applauded by an enthusiastic audience, then on February 9, Tikvah applauded its social committee for creating a medium through which we could respectfully contemplate the past year.

The party was opened with an address by the president, where contrary to standard procedure, he avoided rattling off Tikvah's achievements, but just bade the members sink into admiration over the creative work accomplished between January 12, 1946 and January 12, 1947. With due reverence the members acquiesced in this request and wandered off into oblivion, sending the air from time to time with ejaculations tantamount to their enchantment and bliss of these unbelievable accomplishments. When



everybody was restored to the Atomic Age, our social wizard Peter the Pig (



(resemblance ratified in Brahm's Anatomy of animals), went ahead with his program that ranged from short stories and "other intellectual games" down to pouring water into other peoples' pants and closing their mouths (very effective and expedient

at times) with a mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O and FL<sub>U</sub>r.

With a variety of such physical defects on them, Tikvah members contentedly left a party that admired a by-gone year while ushering in its successor - a party that in itself was a proof of Tikvah's evolution.

This month Hongkew's community was at a loss as to how many parties they'd be able to attend. Every organization that claims the right to live, produced or arranged something or other. March will prove to have been a heavy strain on the purse, even if it is for the sake of good old Esther and Mordecai.



Al Laco turned GENTLEMAN last month, when under the protection of Mr. Jordan, the Youth Council and a necktie, he invaded the Park Hotel. As accomplished dancer he felt perfectly at home, ordering waiters around and dominating the conversation at the table. The Park Hotel regretted to let him go, never suspecting for a moment who had "polluted" their socially high-standing premises.

**PARTY (MIXED):** On Saturday, March 15th, Tikvah staged a slightly belated Purim Party, and believe it or not, there were girls attached to it. Through the snobbing haughtiness of several of our members, the ratio of one girl to one boy could not be established, and we had to deal with fractions. Nevertheless, each fellow succeeded in imprinting his footsteps on every female shoe present, - so, you can see - it was a success. More about it in the next issue.

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# Review of Cultural Events

Last month's cultural evenings included lectures, a musical evening, and a quiz.

## TALKING ON AIR

Harry Mesner, whose lecture was already announced in our last issue, talked pleasantly on airport operation, landings (of the instrument and crash varieties), etc. The only thing we regret is that whenever we were on the point of hearing some really exciting revelations, Harry stopped short and said sorry, but he was bound to secrecy. Well, tough luck.

## ON THE RECORDS

An evening of recorded music, arranged by Walter Eichwald, included Mozart's "A Little Night Music", Borovik's "New World" symphony, and some operatic arias. More about this evening will be found on another page of this issue.

## QUIZZICALLY

Alfred Fraenkel was responsible for an entertaining quiz that added some new furrows to the foreheads of several of our members. A prize was promised to the winner, but as yet not been heard of.

## LECTURE

General Chennault's lecture in the Community Center was attended by Tikvah in full force, the cultural committee having reserved for themselves seats in the third row. The lecture was followed by an animated discussion.

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## JEWISH PROBLEMS OF TODAY

Mr. Masel, representative of the Australian Government and president of the Executive Committee of the JWB in Australia, lectured on Wednesday, March 5th on the above topic. The hall was packed, with seats reserved for the press, who obviously expected a great story. However, Mr. Masel excused himself that he had been unable to prepare himself, which may account for the briefness of the lecture. Crimes Trials.

From Mr. Masel's lecture it could be gathered, that Australia was always generously inclined towards the Jewish problem. This was evident when at the Evian Conference in 1938, Australia offered to absorb 15000 Jews. This fact could also be wit-

nessed after World War II, when Australia together with the United States, were the first countries who opened their doors to victims of the Nazi-oppression. Mr. Masel gave credit to the generous attitude of Mr. Caldwell, the Australian Minister of Immigration. The Australian Jewry did everything possible to help their unhappy brethren, providing living accommodations and funds, arranging English language courses and introducing them to Australian life.

The Jews of Australia are strongly in favour of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, a fact Mr. Masel was proud to proclaim. They had rejected a proposal known as the "Kimberley Plan," under which 50,000 Jews should have settled in a territory with awful climatical conditions.

Mr. Masel regretted the lack of specifically Jewish education facilities in Australia, and was glad to observe that this was not the case in Shanghai.

On the whole, the lecturer voiced the opinion that the Jews of Australia should fight for a better world for their brethren and for a better world in general.

(W. Cohn)

## MAJOR DWYER SPEAKS

One of the most popular U.S. Army officers was introduced to a jammed auditorium at the Center on March 11th. Major Dwyer, famous for the part he played as a prosecutor in the recent war crimes trials here, started off by informing us in the way of background that he was born in 1905, weighed in at 217½ lbs., and had clashed with FDR for reelection as senator of Albany, N.Y. Furthermore, we were given to understand that he had been active at the New York bar, had entered the army as a private in 1942, and after attending the most efficient and professional school in U.S.A. - Michigan JA school - had been promoted to Lt. and was transferred to Asia under Chennault. The heavyweight paid sincere tribute to Lt. Col. O'Connor, in the first row, as an ideal senior officer and comrade, as well as co-worker in the prosecution of the Shanghai War Crimes Trials.

It is lamentable that whenever the J.C.C. receives the benefit of an illustrious and well-informed guest-speaker, the intrinsic value of the lecture is usually below the glamor

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associated with the speaker. Major Dwyer was no exception of this, and the information passed on to the audience concerning three of his was crime trials, was nothing new or sensational to the average newspaper reader. This circumstance was nevertheless amply counterbalanced by his outstanding eloquence and extemporized witticisms.

Maj. Dwyer's "Experiences as War Crimes Prosecutor" were outlined by three major cases, namely the "Doolittle Case", the "Hogkong Case", and the "Ehrhardt Case", all still fresh in our memories.

The Major also related a couple of amusing incidents out of his rich and instructive career. An enthusiastic audience that had unfalteringly hung on his lips, then flooded the speaker with a variety of questions, which were all dexterously answered.

The audience and the speaker were hard to separate, but when the moment did arrive, the Major wound up with a threat to those who upheld undemocratic trials as a retribution for the atrocities committed by the enemy. The only type of trial that will be admitted in a democratic world are trials like the recent ones, where the accused have full and ample opportunity to defend themselves. -rw

ANTISEMITISM

On Wednesday, February 26, Mr. A. Kalmanovicz lectured on antisemitism. The 1 lecture was arranged by the "YIVO" which was represented by Mr. Rozenbes who introduced the speaker. This talk was intended to enlighten a part of the Jewish youth on this vital point. But unfortunately it was not well attended and started rather late.

The lecture itself was very interesting and should entice the Jewish youth to think more about this problem which concerns them, too. The speaker mentioned the ridiculousness of the attacks which were piled against the Jews, in the past and present. After Mr. Kalmanovicz had finished, and had been thanked by Mr. Leo Gruenfeld of the Habonim, Mr. Rozenbes took over again, and concluded the evening by attacking "Self-Antisemitism",  
(W.Cohn)

MR. CHARLES H. JORDAN ON "D.P.'s"

A record turn-out of people crowding hall and yard at the S.J.Y.A. School was seen, when Mr. Jordan spoke on Sunday, March 16, at the opening of the second semester of the American Seminary, on "Displaced Persons."

Though people primarily came to demonstrate their confidence in Mr. Jordan as the Joint representative here, the lecture itself would have warranted a similar attendance.

Mr. Jordan gave a concise account of facts about D.P.s, and challenged the world to solve this problem - now. He said that the I.R.O. must present a clear-cut plan right from the start, with member-states taking on definite responsibilities regarding resettlement of D. P.s; that unless doing this, it meant denying people the fundamental humanitarian right which even criminal prisoners possess, namely, to know when their forced situation will come to an end.

Spontaneous applause, during and after the address thanked Mr. Jordan for his straightforward statements. Mr. Jordan, for his part, thanked the audience for their demonstration, but indicated that it would not have been necessary. Nobody could claim to be perfect, and neither did he, - but he is and will be trying his best.

And, knowing Mr. Jordan, we cannot but agree. -hc

As this paper goes to press, we learn of the shocking news that Maj. ROBERT T. DWYER has passed away suddenly on Wednesday, March 19th.

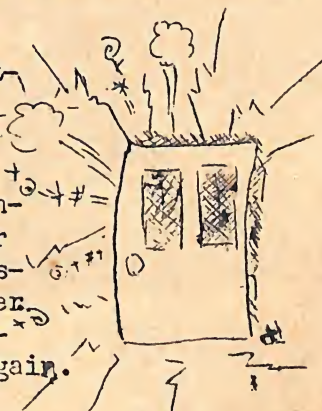
A man, admired and loved by all who knew him, is no more. But the spirit of his stirring speeches will always be entrenched within our hearts.

Tell me another!



STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL: A couple of days ago I was received in audience by one of Tikvah's youthful actresses. In the course of this interview, lasting from the SJYA School to the Post Office and back, she confidentially listed her boyfriends, and since I suppose that by "confidentially" she desires this - Publicity, I'm giving it to her. Number One's name was Gert; when she got tired she whistled and - lo - who appeared - but Gert. The year was up and so was Number Two; she decided, for a change of names, to get herself a change of boys. With respect to names the lucky bum was a novelty to our lucky Diva; he had romantic, enchanting and harmonious syllables in his name; as a matter of fact, to be introduced to him meant love at first hearing. He was such a wonderful boy - this third Gert was. - Now don't tell me her name was Gertie; I'm not Ripley!

**B**EWARE! On stalking through the S.J.Y.A. these days during the hours of twilight, humorous, criminal, dramatic, yes, heart-breaking scenes can be heard and perceived in all corners and turns of this intellectual and social Center of Hongkew's. People gesticulate, mimic, shout, whisper, cry, aye, even kill + behind closed doors. Furtive glances are exchanged; people innocently entering rooms are assaulted with no reason whatsoever and ejected. Eerie utensils that make your back shudder are assembled. It is time responsible persons looked into this matter. Yes, if you have patience until March 29, you will, The inter-club one-act competition will make the S.J.Y.A. safe grounds again.



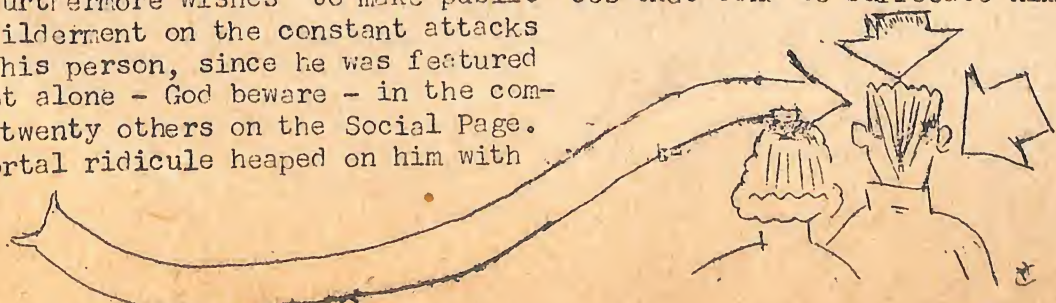
**OH BOY!** It is rumored that boys are given preference in immigration to Australia and the United States. The Consuls, being socially minded creatures, realize the necessity for a well-balanced male and female population in this town.



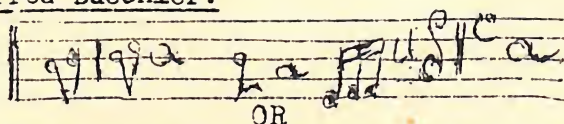
Who is waiting through the night and storms so wild? Is it the father for his child? Or ...? A revolutionary discovery was made some days ago, when on leaving the School late at 12 o'clock at night, a sole candle was observed still flickering in the cold and inexorable gusts of wind... Was it our enamoured girl-guide leader waiting at this tryst for her late lover? No - it was Doretta, settling late bills!

**P**LEASE .... The writer of this column utterly resents the facilities, certain members of Tikvah encounter in having their pictures appear in the local press. It seems that the sports pages just can't be edited without their mugs in them. The writer furthermore wishes to make public his bewilderment on the constant attacks made on his person, since he was featured once, not alone - God beware - in the company of twenty others on the Social Page. The immortal ridicule heaped on him with

reiterated references to "Second from the left" and deviations thereof, such as "Second Lieutenant from the left, plus promotions thereof, such as "Second Major from left" all go to make his bile secrete superfluous juices that tend to suffocate him ...



Alfred Buechler:



A BLOW-BY-BLOW EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT OF  
THE FIRST PERFORMANCE IN TIKVAH'S PRE-  
MISES OF SYMPHONY NO.5 IN E MINOR :

"From the New World " by Anton Dvorak

1st Movement: 13 people are gathered expectantly around the phonograph which, after a futile attempt at passive resistance, has begun to emit the horn calls of the symphony's first theme. Richard Weiss has that look of "Well, one gotta do that sort of thing from time to time for sweet culture's sake" - but every five minutes or so he breaks down into an apologetic grin. We're among friends, aren't we? - Bobby is furiously scribbling away in a corner, quite the little executive. - - Walter Saphir has that far-away look, probably thinking of Carnegie Hall and the thunderous applause of enthusiastic audiences. Only Walter Eichwald and Werner Rosenberg really seem to follow the music (What d'you know, the cultural committee !).

2nd Movement: Largo: The slow melody Goin' Home, Goin' Home seems to have soporific effects. Heini Deutsch throws off all reserve and relaxes. Bobby, too, has decided that it's no use, and is going to sleep. Peter Liepmann has got hold of a batch of comics and is beginning to enjoy himself. Peter Schattner has settled into a dead-pan stare.

Trio: Peter's comics are still going strong. Bobby has returned to his executive labors, and his place amidst the ranks of the sleepers has been taken by Werner Gumpert. The rest still look grimly determined.

Largo: People come to life again, Werner Gumpert has had enough of it and leaves. Enter the Boxing Brothers Alfred and Ingolf.

3rd Movement: The initial chord has given Peter a nasty jolt, but he recovers and returns to his comics. - Heini Deutsch is still sound asleep. The drum passage amuses people, and Bobby seems to wonder whether, after all, there might not be something in music. - Richard gets interested in Peter's comics, gets up, - looks

at the announcement board - sits down again. Presidential worries? He passes an ashtray to Werner Rosenberg, resulting in a general ashtray-passing: anything to relieve the tension of sitting still. Richard and Heini have started reading, but Peter has finished his comics and exits. Enter Werner.

4th Movement: Finale: People re-awaken, get into beating the rhythm: Heini is quite violent, and even Walter Saphir, usually rather disdainful about these things, is tapping on the floor. Werner Cohn seems to make a fierce effort to get something out of the music. Peter Schattner insists on keeping a pin-uppy cartoon upside down before him. - Harry Methner enters and signs "Ding Hao" to Ingolf, who looks non-committal.

4 minutes to go: The record has got stuck and has to be coaxed back into action.

2 minutes to go: Ingolf and Harry are reading somebody's autobiography book.

1 minute to go: Richard Weiss starts beating the rhythm.

30 seconds to go: Enter Werner Gumpert.

15 seconds to go: He's looking for his jacket.

5 seconds to go: He's found it.

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#### AN APOLOGY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, a number of mistakes have escaped the eagle-eye of our proof-reader, and managed to remain within these pages. According to our estimation the number of mistakes is below 100; however, should any of our readers detect more, we are quite willing to substitute him (or her) for our present proof-reader.

The Editors.

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# SPORTS



Tikvah as far as Ping-Pong is concerned seems to be an eternal Second. Not enough that our two Teams both placed second in the two Divisions of the JRC Ping-Pong League, we were also restricted to that position in the Cup-Games of the JRC. You toil your way up, and then - alas, in the decisive game you fail - but such is life. Let it be said for our consolation that many others would covet a Number Two. Congratulations to the winner of the Cup-Games, SCC in both Divisions.

A new Sport has crept into our ranks - Volleyball. We have been spraining our hands and fingers since months at that game, but in a manner of "nisht ahin, nisht aher". All of a sudden Tikvah finds itself in the possession of - a first rate Volleyball Team would sound better, but all I can say is - Volleyball Team. Through W. Gumpert our first Match was arranged against the YMCA, and an eager Tikvah team, sheperded by a score of followers, entered the YMCA premises. Although a weak team was scheduled to clash with our Six - Cohn, Eichwald, Schattner (Capt) Gumpert, Morgenstern, Deutsch and Weiss - we were thoroughly trounced 15-1, 15-5, 15-3, by the Superb YMCA Hawks, certainly a contendant for city pennant honours. A game against their "B" team was immediately fixed for the next day, and merely by having experienced the Hawks' superior combination and smashing on our own "body and soul" we offered a remarkably improved game on the next evening. It did not prove sufficient though, and we lost honourably 15-8, 15-10, 16-14. This game (and the surroundings plus conveniences of the YMCA) apparently appeals to our boys and a return match has been slated. MORAL: The miracle a little training and pushing can do to a bunch of guys that want.



The crack JRC Ping-Pong Team - Zeidler, Katz, Sonnenfeld and Tikvah's Deutsch, Eichwald - tasting laurels only, in the past year, has finally gone down in defeat - and BOY did you hear the crash. JRC vs. CHINA : 0:13. In the return match marked improvement was evidenced as the JRC lost 0:13. There is no reason for dis-

couragement though; these wizards really play Ping-Pong - at least an Olympic Team if not World Champs. Ergo, no disgrace - hang on to your laurels.

